

# DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER EMPLOYING A UNIQUE ID TO INTERLOCK WITH ENCRYPTED VIDEO PROGRAMS STORED ON A STORAGE DEVICE

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention may be regarded as a digital video recorder (DVR) comprising a storage device for storing an encrypted video program, a unique ID for interlocking the encrypted video program with the digital video recorder, and a cryptography facility. The cryptography facility comprises an encoder, responsive to the unique ID, for encrypting a plaintext video program into the encrypted video program stored on the storage device, and a decoder, responsive to the unique ID, for decrypting the encrypted video program stored on the storage device into the plaintext video program during playback.